

AGENDA ITEM VIII A

STAFF REPORTS ON CONDITIONALLY APPROVED PROGRAMS

DELGADO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

CERTIFICATE AND A.S. IN HORTICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

At its meeting of April 26, 2000, the Board of Regents took the following action:

Conditional approval for the proposed Certificate and A.A.S. programs in Horticulture Technology (CIP Code 01.0601) at Delgado Community College, beginning in Fall, 2000 and subject to the following stipulations:

- 1. By August 1, 2000, the College shall hire an appropriately qualified faculty member to assume program directorship. By August 1, 2001, the College shall hire an additional appropriately qualified faculty member to teach in the program. The College shall verify these faculty hires by sending copies of faculty vitae to the Commissioner of Higher Education by the dates given above.**
- 2. Beginning August 1, 2001 and on that same date through 2003, the College shall submit an annual report to the Commissioner of Higher Education which provides numbers of enrollees in and completers from each program, along with data regarding employment of student graduates.**

STAFF SUMMARY

On August 1, 2000, the staff received a progress report from Dr. Katherine Sippola, Vice Chancellor and Provost of Delgado Community College, indicating that the College had hired Mr. Jerry Sisk to serve as Director for the Horticultural Technology programs. From examination of Mr. Sisk's vitae, it appears that he is appropriately qualified to teach in and administer the programs.

STAFF ANALYSIS

The staff notes that the College must still hire an additional full-time faculty member by August 1, 2001 before stipulation # 1 above is fulfilled. Accordingly, the staff awaits Delgado's first annual report, due August 1, 2001.

AGENDA ITEM VIII B

STAFF REPORTS ON CONDITIONALLY APPROVED PROGRAMS

BATON ROUGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

CERTIFICATE AND A.S. IN BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

At its meeting of January 28, 1998, the Board of Regents took the following action:

Conditional approval is granted for the proposed Certificate and A.A.S. programs in Business Technology (CIP Code 52.0205) at Baton Rouge Community College, with the stipulation that beginning September 1, 1998 and on that date for three years thereafter, the College shall submit an annual report which addresses the following:

- (1) Review all required Business courses for the appropriateness of required co-requisites and prerequisites. Based on this assessment, should any changes be made?**
- (2) Data relative to the placement of graduates.**
- (3) A summary of faculty hired to instruct in the program, including an abbreviated vitae for each.**
- (4) A report on the status of acquisition and implementation of required equipment and facilities. In your answer, please reference efforts to guarantee that hardware and software used in computer laboratories remain current and in constant operational order.**

Subsequently, on October 27, 1999, the Board of Regents examined BRCC's first annual progress report relative to the certificate and A.A.S. programs in Business Technology. The Regents concluded that, although the Business Technology programs at the College were evolving in an appropriate manner, there remained some problematic areas which merit continued monitoring. Accordingly, the Regents agreed that the College should continue to submit periodic progress reports as previously stipulated.

STAFF SUMMARY

BRCC's second annual report relative to fulfillment of stipulations of approval on its Business Technology programs indicates the following:

1. Faculty continue to review prerequisite and corequisite requirements for all Business courses. Changes have been made to three courses during this past year, and additional course reviews are scheduled for later this year.
2. BRCC held its first graduation ceremony this year. As of August 22, 2000, six students have received A.A.S. degrees and three have received Certificate degrees. All Certificate graduates have decided to enroll in the A.A.S. program. One A.A.S. graduate entered a four-year program; four A.A.S. graduates entered the workforce; one A.A.S. graduate is unaccounted. Current enrollment in both programs is as follows: A.A.S. - 232 students and Certificate - 14 students. The College anticipates the need for additional recruitment efforts to bolster enrollment into the Certificate program.
3. Vitae for current faculty indicate that all meet or exceed SACS requirements relative to their course assignments.
4. Significant steps have been taken to appropriately equip both programs. Still, the College remains without a business machines laboratory. There is also some problem with connectivity between the main campus and the Frazier Annex, where most Business courses are taught. Efforts are underway to correct both of these weaknesses.

STAFF ANALYSIS

It appears that the Certificate and A.A.S. programs in Business Technology at Baton Rouge Community College are being implemented in a manner consistent with previous mandates of the Board of Regents. Since there remains some problematic areas still (curricular, equipment, and computer network concerns), it would behoove the Regents to maintain requirements for subsequent progress reports.